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SENATOR DeCAMP: We have existing law with specific penalties that I can get for you and provide these to you and we didn't write them in the bill....did we? Well, we made it applicable by reference but you don't have it printed out here. But it is already in the law. We are tying into that with the legislation. Do you follow what I am saying?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes. That's what I thought was in there and I wanted to hear you say so.

SENATOR DeCAMP: It is all in there even though you don't see it physically before you. It is in existing law. We are tying into existing law.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up.

SENATOR KELLY: In thirty seconds closing on Senator DeCamp's remarks regarding rules and regulations, I concur with his personal opinion that rules and regulations as made by Legislatures are an extension of legislative authority and should be granted on a very specific basis and not blanketed for a whole act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I would call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, debate ceases. Senator DeCamp, do you wish to advance the bill?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I wish to advance the bill. Thirty second closing. Senator Chambers, President Nixon held himself out as following the law. He violated it. We are holding ourselves out with our insurance department and the whole Medicare system as protecting the elderly. This legislation merely makes us quit lying about it basically and start doing it. If the state should not be involved in protecting the elderly or anybody else, that is a separate issue. But once we have passed Medicare at the federal level, once we have held ourselves out as doing a specific thing, then we doggone well better do it. If you want to eliminate Medicare insurance, if you want to